

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method comprising;

~~transmitting content;~~

~~transmitting a first announcement including connection information for said content; and~~

transmitting a ~~second~~ first announcement including a content description for ~~said~~ content, said ~~second~~ first announcement transmitted before any assignment of connection has been determined for said content[[]];

transmitting a second announcement including connection information for said content;

and

transmitting said content.

Claim 2 (cancel)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim [[2]] 1 including arranging said content description with at least two levels of granularity.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 including linking each of said granularity levels to connection information for said granularity.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further including providing a service identifier with said ~~second~~ first announcement to link with said second ~~first~~ announcement.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 5 including specifying the location of service in said connection information.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6 further including transmitting ancillary information with said content.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim [[2]] 1 further including providing an identifier to link said first and second announcements.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting said ~~connection information~~ content description includes transmitting a data program guide.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An article comprising a medium for storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to:

~~transmit content;~~

~~transmit a first announcement including connection information for said content; and~~

transmit a first ~~second~~ announcement including a content description for ~~said~~ content, said ~~second~~ first announcement transmitted before any assignment of connection has been determined for said content[.];

transmit a second announcement including connection information for said content; and

transmit said content.

Claim 11 (cancel)

Claim 12 (currently amended): The article of claim [[11]] 10 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to arrange said content description with at least two levels of ~~regularity~~ granularity.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The article of claim [[11]] 10 further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to provide an identifier to link said first and second announcements.

Claims 26-28 (cancel)